

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 58, 62-81, 128, 132-144, 146-150, and 154-194 are pending, with claims 58, 128, 150, and 174 being independent claims. The specification has been amended as discussed below. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 58, 62-81, 128, 132-144, 146-150, and 154-194 have been conditionally allowed. (Paper No. 20061028 [sic], page 4). Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's conditional allowance of the pending claims.

Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the originally filed specification for allegedly failing to conform to the "preferred layout" stipulated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). (Paper No. 20061028 [sic], page 2). Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner the layout provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b) is not required, but rather "*suggested* for the applicant's use" as admitted in the Examiner's Office Action. (Paper No. 20061028 [sic], page 2). Nonetheless to advance prosecution, the specification has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. A Substitute Specification is attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration, and an Annotated Substitute Specification is attached hereto to show all changes within the specification relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. The layout of the attached Substitute

Specification has been approved by the Examiner for use in related U.S. Application No.

11/026,477. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the standing objection.


Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

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